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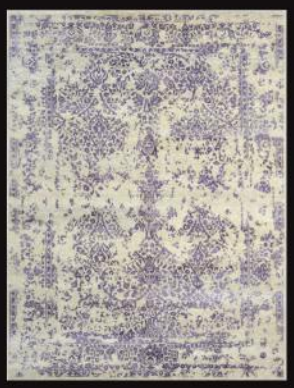

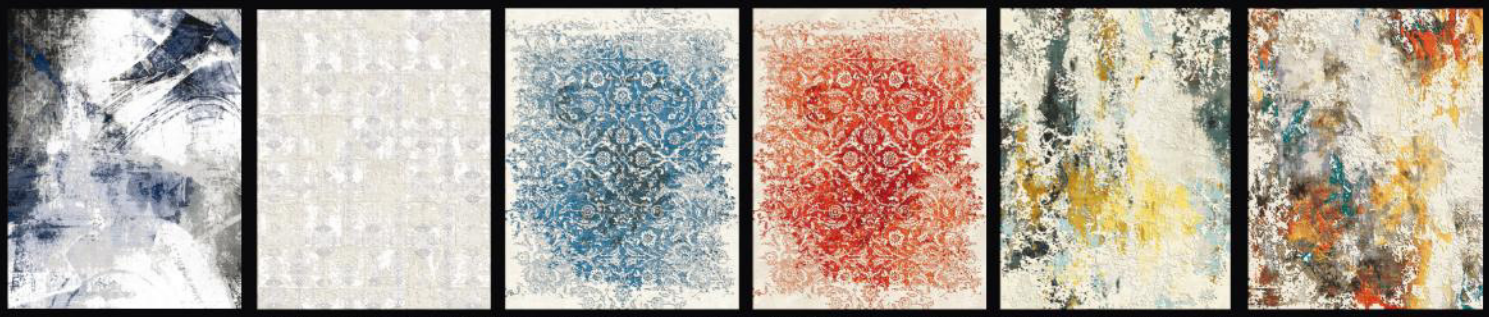

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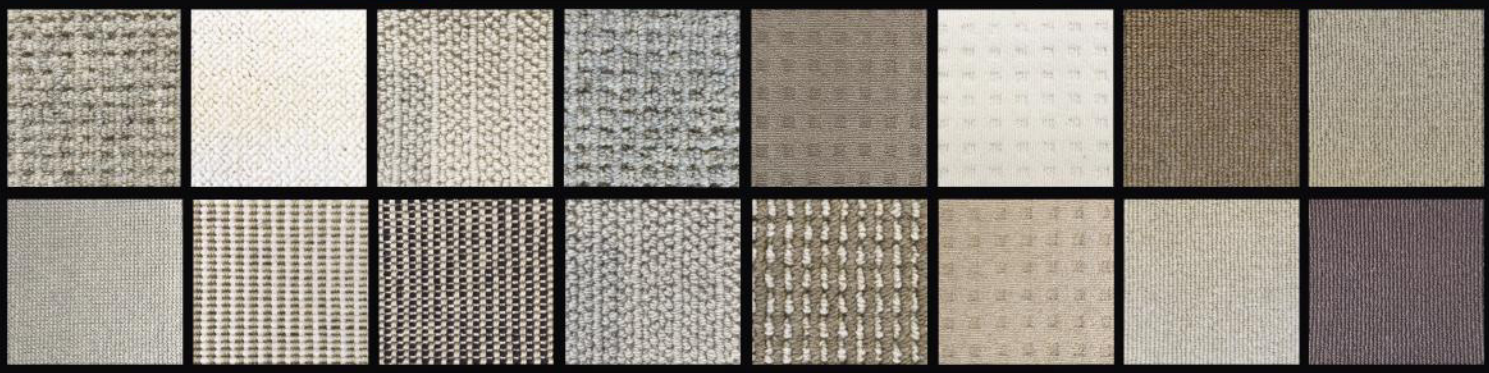

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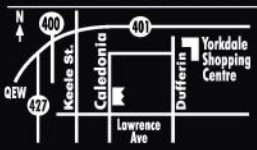

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This year's travel funds have been depleted by glamorous expenditures like roof repairs, but I'm still planning a Parisian getaway – only this summer, it will be at home. When I reflect on why my trip with Ken was so wonderful, I think of things that are easily transferable to Toronto. We can wander down to the incredible French bakery at the end of our street for our morning croissants and daily baguette. Then we can walk to our neighbourhood's nearby main street, where small shops sell everything from artisanal cheeses to homemade gelato. We can lounge in the park and lose ourselves in a good book. And best of all, we can sit on our back deck together every evening and enjoy a glass of wine by candlelight. We'll pull our bistro chairs close together – like they do at restaurants in the Marais – and eat a simple but delicious dinner. Most importantly, we will be spending time together. No alarm clocks, no calendars, no counting calories and no smartphones – just bliss.

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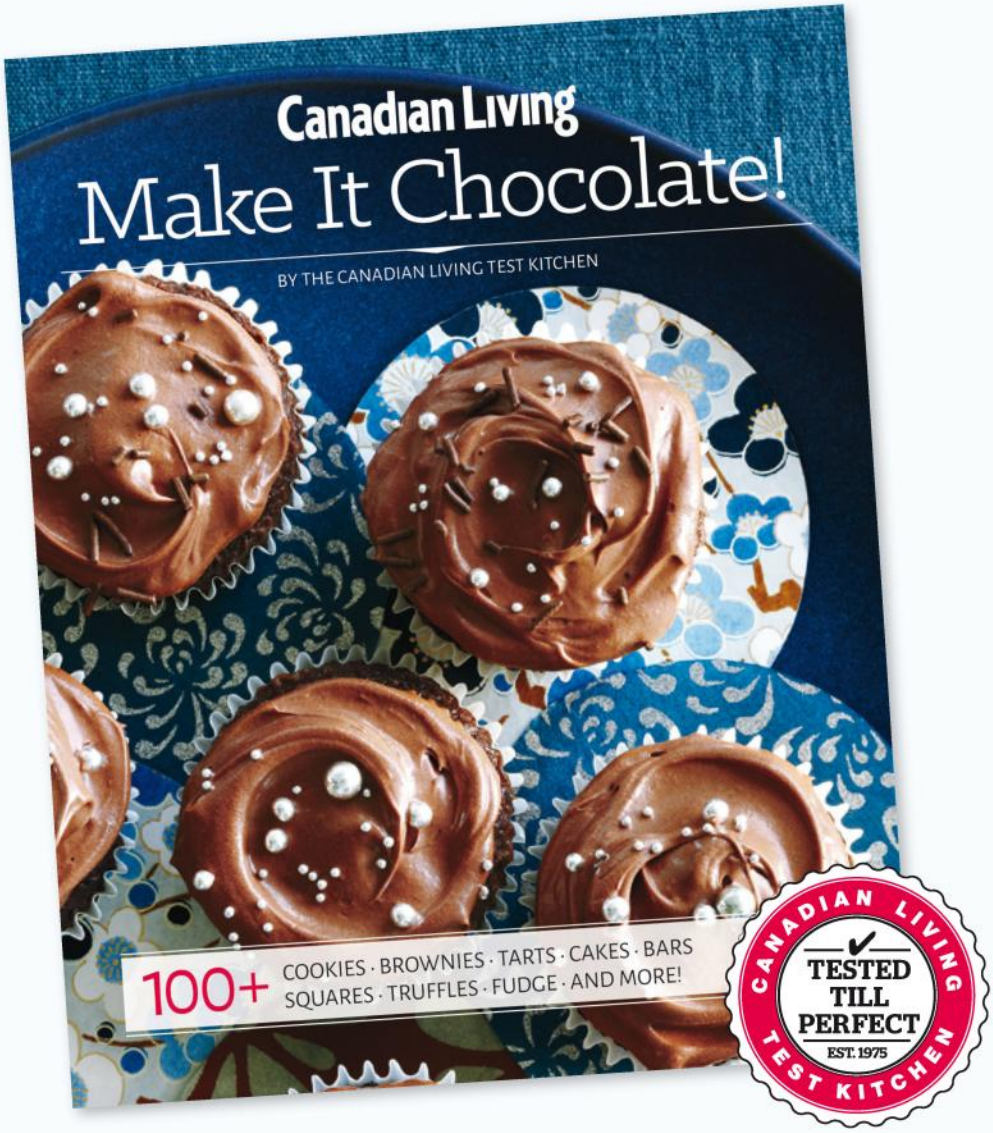

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RUTH ANN ROBB, VIA EMAIL

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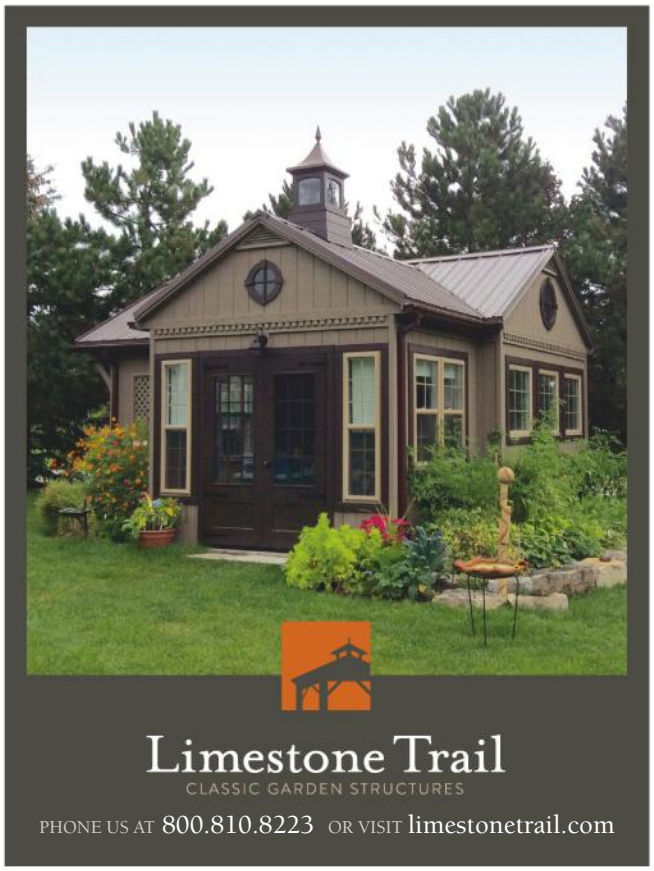
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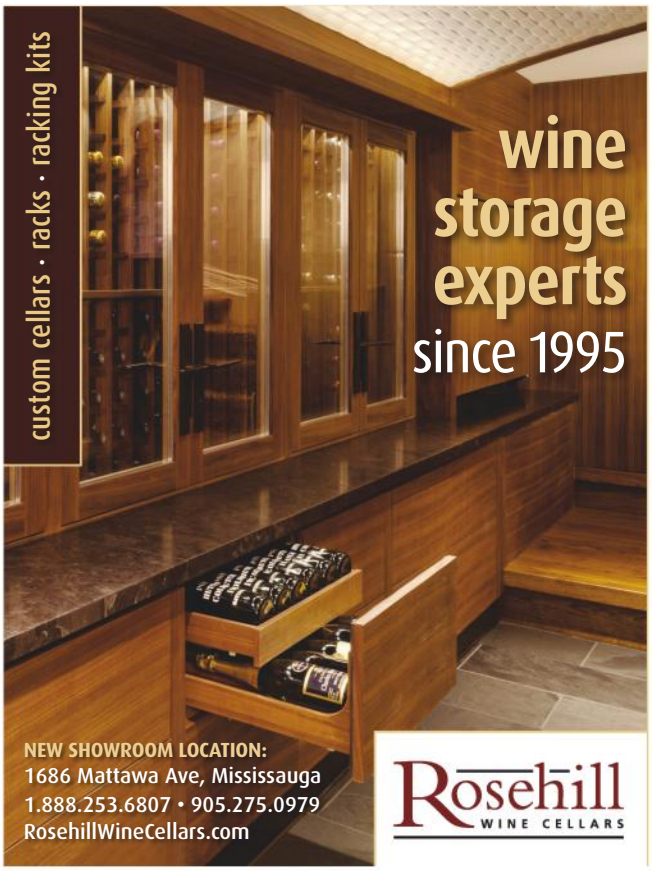
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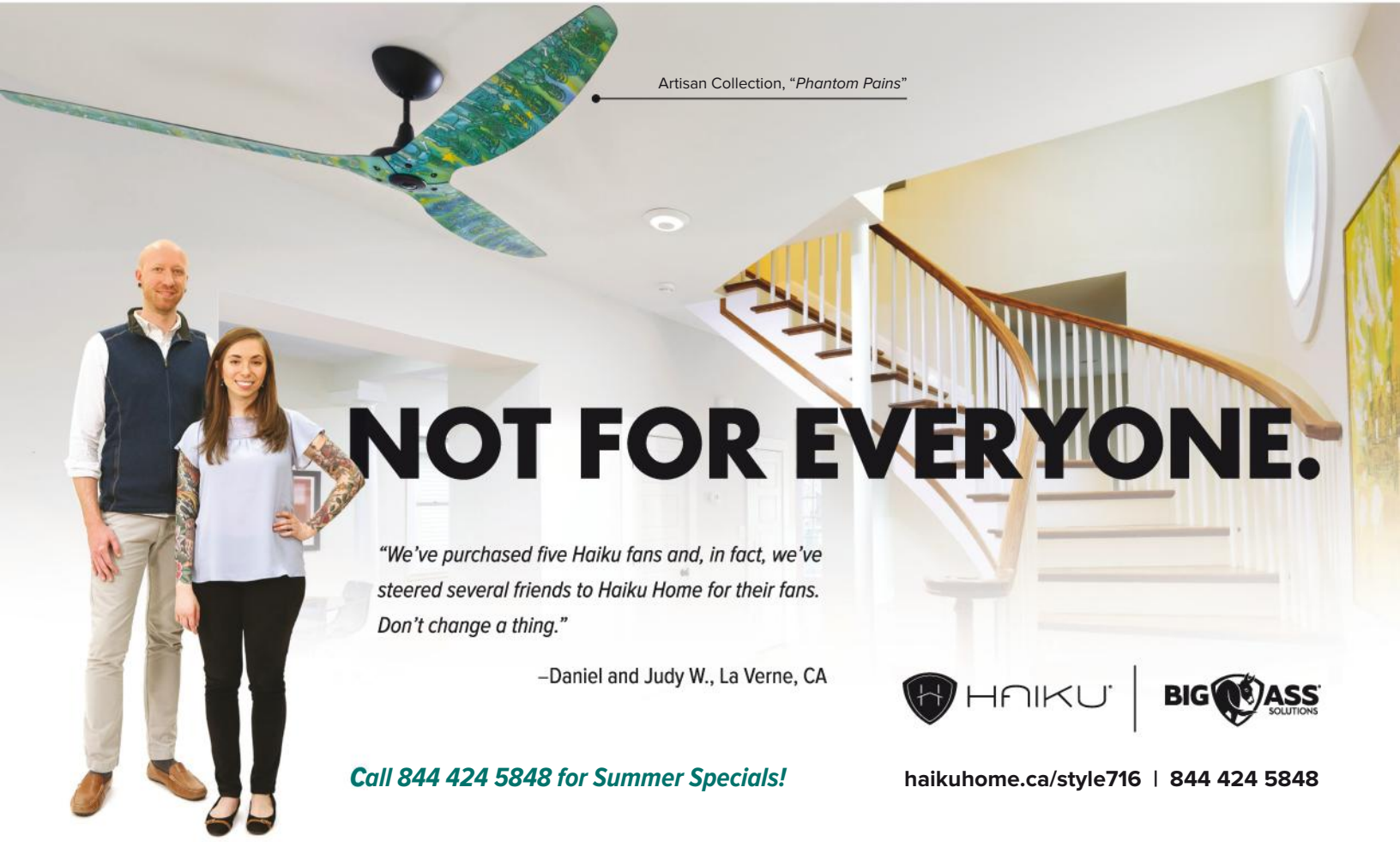

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WITH A CHIC STRIPED FABRIC THAT RECALLS PARISIAN CAFÉS AND SLIM ANGLED TEAK LEGS INDICATIVE OF A MID-CENTURY SCANDI INFLUENCE, THIS BENCH – PART OF MOBILIA'S 50TH-ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION – IS BLENDED DESIGN AT ITS FINEST.

Established in 1966, Mobilia is sure to be around for 50 more years thanks to timeless furnishings like this.

Canvas Suffa **BENCH** with teak legs, $699, Mobilia, mobilia.ca.

ALL-ACCESS ART

Lumas – a German gallery offering exclusive yet affordable limited edition prints from established and emerging artists – has arrived: Vancouver and Toronto branches are operational, and a Montreal one is in the works.

Adria V **PRINT** by Bernhard Lang, from $840, Lumas, lumas.com.

Available at Walmart

Lipidol is a range of six new oils for daily skincare. Featured product: Lipidol Cleansing Body Oil 200ml. Washes off dirt without stripping the skin's natural oily layer. Available at Walmart and walmart.ca at $8.97. lipidol.com

Queen powder-coated steel Nesttun **BED FRAME,** $149, IKEA, ikea.ca.

BUDGET BED

Rise and shine like a diamond (on a cubic zirconia budget) with this **MINIMALIST METAL BED FRAME THAT FEATURES A GRAPHIC DIAMOND-PATTERNED HEADBOARD.**

PITCHING IN

HELP THE PLANET: OPT FOR PIECES MADE FROM RENEWABLE MATERIALS LIKE THESE BAMBOO PITCHERS.

PC Home **PITCHERS** in Blue, $9 each, Real Canadian Superstore, superstore.ca.

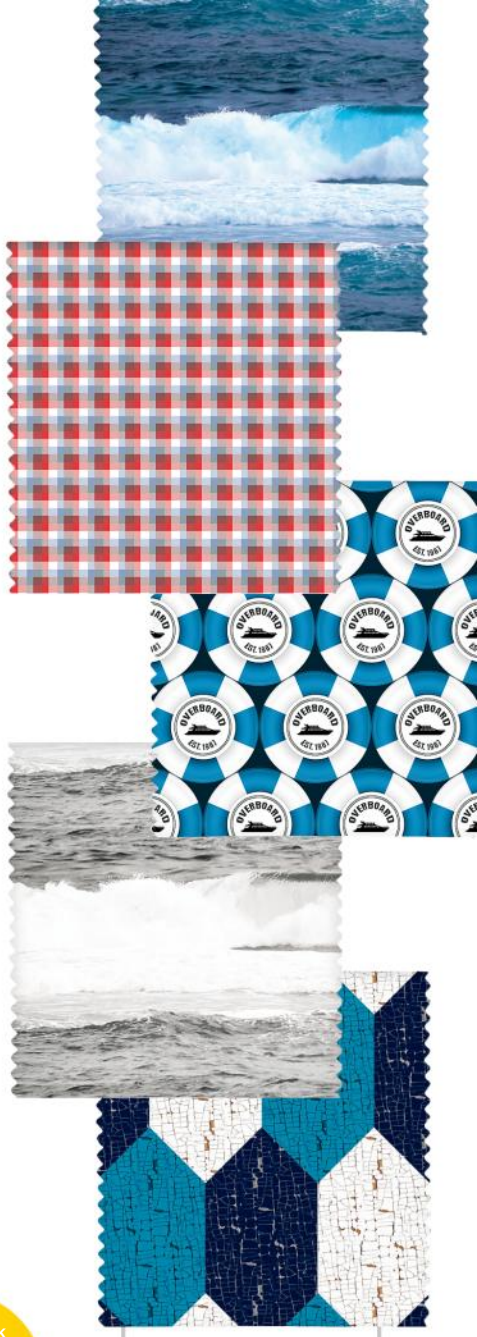
These sleek powder blue pitchers are earth- and patio-friendly.

This loveseat is part of a full suite of faux-bamboo outdoor furniture.

ADAPT OR PERISH

ITSELF A COPY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE SEATING, THE CHIPPENDALE BAMBOO-LOOK CHAIR HAS MAINTAINED ICON STATUS FOR CENTURIES. IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT THE SILHOUETTE BE ADAPTED AGAIN, THIS TIME AS AN OUTDOOR LOVESEAT.

Aluminum Bayan **LOVESEAT,** $550, standard polyester Cabana **SEAT CUSHIONS** in Cream, $75 each, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca.



ALL ABOARD!

Toronto-based boutique design firm Heirloom & Knot collaborated with American indie textile maker Spoonflower, and the results have blown us out of the water: Inspired by 1987 fan-favourite flick *Overboard*, the collection of 12 nautical prints comes in fabric as well as wallpaper and gift wrap.

Heirloom & Knot x Spoonflower **FABRICS,** from $18 US per yard each, Spoonflower, spoonflower.com.

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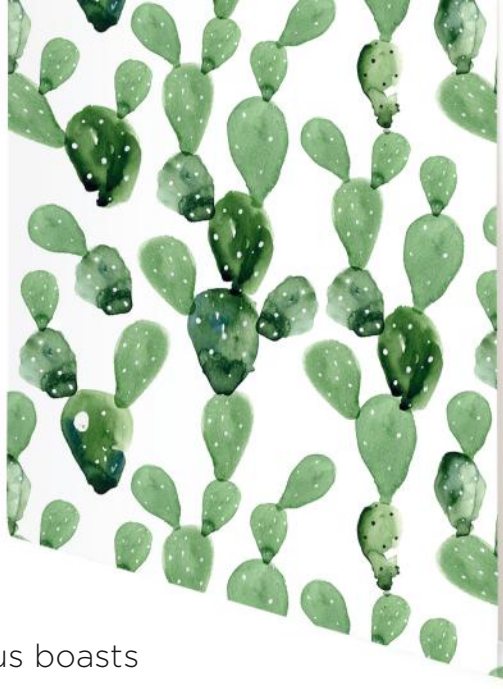

Create a focal point with an artsy mural.

cacti

Despite its prickly nature, the cactus boasts a quirky shape and a fresh green hue that has us obsessed. **PRODUCER** AMANDA ETTY

inspiration

This Asos blouse has a cute cactus print and looks effortless tucked into high-waisted jeans.

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Add a desert-chic accent to your gallery wall with this pretty print.

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Stash your stuff in a whimsical wicker basket – it's perfect for a kid's room.

1 Porcelain Cactus **DIFFUSER** in Cabo Prickly Pear, $40 US, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

2 Watercolor Cactus **WALL MURAL,** 140" x 108", $507, Anewall, anewall.com.

3 Cactus **GREETING CARDS,** $12 US per set of 5 each, Brika, brika.com.

4 Succulent Cactus **IPHONE CASE,** $24 US, Brika, brika.com.

5 Cactus **IPHONE 6/6S CASE,** $40 US, Sonix, shopsonix.com.

6 Lidded Cactus **BASKET,** $50, Zara Home, zarahome.com.

7 Cactus at Sunset **PRINT,** from $20 US, Minted, minted.com.

8 Screen-printed Coral Garden Cactus **TOSS CUSHION COVER,** 16" x 21", $42, Doops Designs, doopsdesigns.etsy.com.

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ITALY

EDITOR'S ITINERARY: Ravello

The heart-stoppingly beautiful Amalfi Coast is a definite bucket-list destination and its tiny hilltop village of Ravello is the perfect base for experiencing *la dolce vita.* **TEXT** CHRISTY WRIGHT

Number of days to spend here

3

Day 1

Perched 1,000 feet above the sparkling Tyrrhenian Sea, Ravello seems a world away from nearby tourist-heavy Positano, and that is its charm. Check into a sea-view suite at the **Villa Cimbrone (2),** a complete splurge but worth it for a memorable experience. The 11th-century villa, which counts Greta Garbo, Virginia Woolf and Winston Churchill as past guests, features frescoed ceilings, majolica floors, marble fireplaces and antique furniture for a feel that's more aristocratic abode than hotel. Head to Ravello's main square for a tasty espresso at **Caffé Calce (4)** and take in the view of the Duomo di Ravello before exploring the shops. **Cameo Factory** sells hand-carved cameos as well as jewellery, and **Ceramiche da Lena (5)** showcases an Amalfi Coast specialty: intricately patterned and colourful handmade ceramics. Foodies won't want to miss **Gusti e Delizie** for local delicacies (pick up *colatura*, an anchovy sauce that's scrumptious on spaghetti) and **La Cucina di Sofi (7),** which pours some of the region's best limoncello. Celebrate your purchases with a Neapolitan pizza on **Mimi Bar Pizzeria's (1)** sun-dappled patio. Return to the villa to put on some comfy shoes for a walk to the neighbouring town of **Atrani (8).** The trek, which takes about 45 minutes, is a step back in time. There are no roads – just staircases leading down to the coast through residential gardens and lemon and olive groves. Take the bus back to Ravello and tour the

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extravagant gardens at Villa Cimbrone (hotel guests have the gardens to themselves at night) and its Terrace of Infinity. Lined with marble busts, this balcony offers breathtaking views of the sea and sky. Drop by the villa's veranda bar for a glass of Prosecco before having a late dinner at **Vittoria,** a restaurant popular with the locals. Order the sea salt-encrusted spigola, octopus carpaccio and a glass of local winemaker Marisa Cuomo's Furore Bianco Fiorduva.

Day 2

No trip to Ravello would be complete without a visit to **Mamma Agata's (3)** cooking class. Mamma Agata, who has cooked for Audrey Hepburn, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Humphrey Bogart, has since passed her recipes and her apron on to her daughter, Chiara, and son-in-law, Gennaro, a sommelier. They welcome guests to their sixth-generation family home and terraced garden for a day of cooking and eating. Visitors are wisely advised not to eat breakfast and to forgo dinner plans. Each class begins with a slice of heavenly lemon cake – made with citrus from the garden – and features family recipes, such as the simply sublime Farmer's Spaghetti. Book well in advance and don't be surprised if you find yourself next to a famous politician, musician or actor (Pierce Brosnan is a fan).

Day 3

Dig in to the villa's complimentary breakfast, which features traditional Italian offerings like silky prosciutto and creamy burrata, and then take the ferry from Amalfi to the storied island of **Capri (6).** Cars are prohibited between November and Easter, making navigating this magical place a joy. Go for a beach day: Rent a chair and umbrella from one of the local beach clubs and then have an alfresco lunch at **Aurora,** which serves the island's best pizza. Don't leave without treating yourself to a pair of handmade sandals from one of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's favourite shoemakers, **Canfora.**

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PLAN YOUR OWN TRIP

Villa Cimbrone
villacimbrone.com

Ceramiche da Lena
ceramichedalena.com

Mimi Bar Pizzeria
mimiravello.com

Atrani
amalfitouristoffice.it

Vittoria
ristorantepizzeriavittoria.it

Mamma Agata
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Capri
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comfortable flats

▲ Embroidered **SMOKING SLIPPERS** in Lemon Coral, $65 US, Soludos, soludos.com.

on-the-go sanitizer

▶ Resurrection Rinse-free **HAND WASH,** $13, Aesop, aesop.com.

easy accessory

▶ Ravi **SCARF** in Russet, $75 US, Block Shop, blockshoptextiles.com.

beach bag

▶ Straw **MARKET TOTE,** $65, J.Crew, jcrew.com.

wellness watch

◀ Charge HR **FITNESS TRACKER** in Tangerine, $150 US, Fitbit, fitbit.com.

turkish blanket

▼ Fouta **BEACH TOWEL** in Poppy, $48 US, Serena & Lily, serenaandlily.com.

PRODUCER AMANDA ETTY

kitchen cravings

This issue, we round up the latest and greatest summertime kitchen gadgets, gourmet products and more.

Make classic ice cream sandwiches from scratch using this stackable mould (plus your favourite ice creams and cookie batters). The results are best enjoyed while sitting on a patio with your feet up.

Chef'n **ICE CREAM SANDWICH MAKER,** $30, Williams-Sonoma, williams-sonoma.com.

1 HERE'S THE SCOOP

We instantly fell for this sculptural scoop, which feels comfortable in the hand and picks up ice cream with ease. Don't hide this beauty away when not in use – proudly display it on an open shelf.

Alessi polished stainless steel Koki **ICE CREAM SCOOP,** $68, Bergo Designs, bergodesigns.ca.

2 SWIM WITH THE FISHES

This adorable pocket knife and bottle opener is perfect for taking on camping trips and picnics (wine and cheese in the park, anyone?). It's available in three colours and easily hides in your back pocket.

Fish **POCKET KNIVES,** $25 each, Areaware, areaware.com.

3 TEA UP

Enjoy a refreshing drink on the go with this shatter-resistant iced tea press, which steeps your preferred tea to perfection and then, with the addition of ice, keeps your bevvie cold.

ICED TEA PRESS in Teal, $30, DavidsTea, davidstea.com.

affogato anytime

To make this foolproof dessert, brew an espresso and then pour overtop a scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.

4 NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE

Nespresso's latest seamlessly connects with your smartphone, so you can schedule your a.m. espresso or automatically brew it from bed.

Prodigio **COFFEE MACHINE** in Titan with Aeroccino 3 milk frother, $319, Nespresso, nespresso.com.

cocktail pick

GIN, $40, Georgian Bay Gin, georgian-baygin.com.

FRENCH 75

- 1 oz Georgian Bay gin
- ½ oz freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ oz simple syrup
- 2 oz champagne
- Lemon twist, for garnish

Combine the gin, lemon juice and simple syrup in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a flute. Top up with the champagne. Garnish with the lemon twist.

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RECIPE JENNIFER BARTOLI | **PHOTOGRAPHY** MAYA VISNYEI | **FOOD STYLING** CLAIRE STUBBS | **PROP STYLING** ANN MARIE FAVOT

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INGREDIENTS

MAKES 8 MERINGUES

Strawberry Sauce

- 1 cup chopped strawberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp water, divided
- 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tsp cornstarch

Meringues

- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 5 egg whites
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp crushed freeze-dried strawberries (optional)

SWEET FREEZE-DRIED STRAWBERRIES ADD A SATISFYING CRUNCH TO DESSERTS.

DIRECTIONS

To make the sauce, purée the strawberries, sugar, 1 tablespoon water and lemon juice in a blender. Transfer the mixture to a saucepan and stir over medium heat until warmed through, about 2 minutes. Whisk the cornstarch in a small bowl with the remaining tablespoon water until smooth; stir into the strawberry mixture. Bring the strawberry mixture to a boil, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 1 minute. Transfer to a bowl; let cool completely.

To make the meringues, preheat the oven to 400°F. Spread the sugar onto a parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheet; bake just until the sugar begins to turn golden, but not hard or melted, about 8 minutes. Reduce the oven to 200°F.

Meanwhile, in a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat the egg whites until foamy. With the mixer on high speed, gradually beat in the hot sugar; continue beating on high until the mixture has cooled and is stiff, glossy and very thick, about 10 minutes. Beat in the vanilla. Slowly add 3 tablespoons of the strawberry sauce in a steady stream. Stop beating and gently fold the mixture two or three times to create a swirled effect.

Drop the meringue mixture by generous ½ cup measures onto a large parchment paper-lined baking sheet, 2 inches apart, to form 8 meringues. Top each meringue with ½ teaspoon of the strawberry sauce and, with a toothpick, swirl the tops to distribute the sauce. Sprinkle with the freeze-dried strawberries (if using).

Bake until the meringues are crisp and no longer shiny, about 3 hours. Without removing the baking sheet, turn off the heat and allow the meringues to cool in the oven for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and let cool completely. Serve with the remaining strawberry sauce. Store the leftover meringues in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

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With its low-profile tank and slender silhouette, this modern Toto toilet makes the powder room feel more spacious.

BATHROOM 1

DESIGNER
MELANIE FINKLEMAN

LOCATION
VANCOUVER

SIZE
35 SQ. FT.

STYLE
EASY ELEGANCE

Two designers devise two different bathrooms using the same stylish elements. Here, we reveal the key features that make these small spaces sing. **TEXT** BRITTANY DEVENYI

1. Wall Treatment DARK WALLS PAIRED WITH QUIET PIECES LEND DRAMA AND DIMENSION. DESIGNER MELANIE FINKLEMAN OPTED FOR AN EARTHY CHEVRON-PATTERNED ACCENT WALL THAT PICKS UP ON THE WARM TONES OF THE OAK FLOORING, WHILE DESIGNER JO ALCORN SETTLED ON A HIGH-CONTRAST PALETTE THAT ACHIEVES PERSONALITY THROUGH GLAM GOLD ACCESSORIES.

2. Mirror THE ROUND MIRRORS ARE JUXTAPOSED WITH THE VARIOUS LINEAR ELEMENTS AT PLAY (SUCH AS THE FLOATING VANITIES), KEEPING THE ROOMS FROM LOOKING MONOTONOUS. "THE MIRROR HELPS SOFTEN THE SPACE AND OFFERS A NICE CONTRAST IN GEOMETRY," SAYS MELANIE.

PHOTOGRAPHY, JANIS NICOLAY

To elevate her bathroom's serene aesthetic, Jo had a photograph she snapped of the lake near her home enlarged and framed.

BATHROOM 2

DESIGNER
JO ALCORN

LOCATION
TORONTO

SIZE
38 SQ. FT.

STYLE
COASTAL CHIC

3. Light Fixture FOR A MORE PARED-BACK LOOK, THE DESIGNERS DECIDED TO SHINE THE LIGHT ON ONE STATEMENT SCONCE VERSUS TWO. JO WENT WITH AN INDUSTRIAL STYLE IN A GOLD HUE TO COMPLEMENT THE OTHER BRASS-FINISHED DETAILS IN THE ROOM, WHILE MELANIE SELECTED A FIXTURE WITH A MORE STREAMLINED AESTHETIC.

4. Floating Vanity BOTH DESIGNERS WERE QUICK TO DISMISS THE IDEA OF PEDESTAL SINKS IN FAVOUR OF FLOATING VANITIES. NOT ONLY DO THE UNITS CREATE THE ILLUSION OF LARGER SPACES THANKS TO THE EXPOSED FLOORING, THEY ALSO OFFER AMPLE STORAGE. IN SHORT: THEY'RE PETITE AND PRACTICAL.

5. Faucet PLAYING OFF THE SHAPE OF THE MIRRORS, THE ULTRA-SLEEK FAUCETS ADD CURVATURE AND CHARACTER. THEY ALSO CONFORM TO EACH BATHROOM'S SELECTED ACCENT METAL TO CREATE A COHESIVE FEEL. "IN A SMALL SPACE, YOU REALLY WANT TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE OR ELSE THE EYE BOUNCES AROUND TOO MUCH," SAYS JO.

BATHROOM 1 DESIGN, Hazel + Brown Design Company, hazelandbrown.com; Chantilly Lace OC-65 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; porcelain **WALL TILES,** Stone Tile International; custom **VANITY,** Richmond Cabinets; **COUNTERTOP,** Caesarstone Canada; **TOILET,** Splashes Bath & Kitchen; **FLOORING,** AAA Flooring; **MIRROR,** BoConcept; **SCONCE,** The Lighting Warehouse; **FAUCET,** Delta Faucet; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Richelieu Hardware.

BATHROOM 2 DESIGN, Whitewash & Co., whitewashco.ca; Forge Black P2143-41 **WALL PAINT,** Para Paints; **VANITY,** Cutler Kitchen & Bath; **MIRROR,** glass **SHELF,** IKEA; **SCONCE,** Morba; **FAUCET,** Delta Faucet; custom **PRINT,** Posterjack; bird **WALL SCULPTURES,** Velvet Poppy Vintage.

FOR SOURCES, SEE OUR WORKBOOK

PHOTOGRAPHY, JASON HARTOG

dreamy nursery

Designer Jo Alcorn of Whitewash & Co. works her magic to create a pale and pretty nature-inspired nursery for her niece.

ADD SUBTLE DIMENSION AND TEXTURE TO AN ALL-WHITE SPACE BY COVERING A WALL WITH PAINTED WOOD PLANKS.

IN A NURSERY, OPT FOR EASY-TO-INSTALL COZY CARPET TILES. THE GENIUS PART? INDIVIDUAL TILES CAN SIMPLY BE CHANGED OUT IF A SPILL HAPPENS.

TEXT
LESLEY YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHY
JASON HARTOG

DECANT OILS AND LOTIONS INTO PRETTY PUMP BOTTLES AND DISPLAY THEM ON A PICTURE LEDGE ALONGSIDE TREASURED PHOTOGRAPHS, CUTE PRINTS AND CHEEKY STUFFED ANIMALS.

UPGRADE A GALLERY WALL WITH COLOURFUL KID-FRIENDLY PRINTS, A ROUND MIRROR, WALL DECALS AND A ROTATING COLLECTION OF BABY'S FAVOURITE BOOKS.

DESIGN, Whitewash & Co., whitewashco.ca; JoJo Whitewash PF17 **WALL PAINT,** Para Paints; **CRIB, DRESSER,** Sears; **CRIB SHEET, MOBILE,** cat **PLUSH TOY,** Blabla; **CARPET TILES,** Flor; **MIRROR, TASK LAMP, HAMPER, PICTURE LEDGES, WALL DECALS,** pink **BASKET,** Bouclair; custom framed **PRINTS,** Posterjack; "H" **INITIAL,** HomeSense.

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▶ Baby Chick **MOBILE,** $80, Pehr Designs, pehrdesigns.com.

get the look

soft & serene

◀ Pearhead Sonogram **FRAME,** $30, Indigo, indigo.ca.

▶ Stupell Industries oversized chevron **INITIAL,** $41, Wayfair.ca.

Kicevo **RUG,** 6′ x 9′, $1,625, Elte Market, eltemkt.com.

▼ DaVinci convertible Autumn **CRIB** in White, $349, West Coast Kids, westcoastkids.ca.

high OR low?

PRODUCER ANDREA MCCRINDLE

TEXT MARY LEVITSKI

PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL NANGREAVES

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HIGH $5,256

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1 Handmade Icelandic Lopi wool and cotton warp Elephants Always Remember **WALL HANGING,** Apatacz, apatacz.com.

$470

2 Zenza Lighting handmade nickel-plated brass Tahrir Filisky **PENDANT LIGHT,** 15″ x 12″, Snob, snobstuff.com.

$275US

3 Pelican on Lake **PRINT** on premium archival paper with White Premium Wood frame, 18″ x 24″, Minted, minted.com.

$80US

4 As You Are **PRINT** in Quiet Gray on premium archival paper with Distressed Indigo Stain frame, 8″ x 8″, Minted, minted.com.

$138US

5 Watercolor Abstract Flora Series Fall 1 **PRINT** on premium archival paper with Champagne Silver frame, 11″ x 11″, Minted, minted.com.

$420

6 Queen Belgian flax linen **DUVET COVER,** $355, and standard **SHAM,** $65, in Midnight, West Elm, westelm.com.

$150

7 Hand-dyed cotton Mali **TOSS CUSHION** with down insert, 18″, Snob, snobstuff.com.

$279

8 Small hand-embossed nickel Offering **TRAY,** Cocoon Furnishings, cocoonfurnishings.ca.

$445US

9 Chunky wool **THROW** in Ivory with Knit Knit weave, 54″ x 70″, Hobbyfelt, hobbyfelt.net.

$2,599

10 Antique hand-carved teak **COFFEE TABLE** with glass top, Wood Sense Interiors, woodsenseinteriors.com.

HIGH & LOW Ice Mist OC-67 **WALL PAINT,** Midnight Navy 2067-10 **ACCENT WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.ca; coral **SHEET SET,** Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com; white **SHAMS,** IKEA, ikea.ca; white **TEAPOT** with cup, CB2, cb2.com; tall glass **VASE,** Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com; large wooden **BOWL** (holding lavender), Snob, snobstuff.com; **CANDLE** (on wooden box), Jo Malone London, jomalone.ca.

LOW $2,169

$68

1 Cotton macramé Drift **WALL HANGING,** Lisa Terry, lisamterry.etsy.com.

$189

2 Powder-coated iron **PENDANT LIGHT,** 10″ x 10″, Wood Sense Interiors, woodsenseinteriors.com.

$165US

3 Pelican on Lake **PRINT** on standard paper with White Premium Wood frame, 18″ x 24″, Minted, minted.com.

$42US

4 As You Are **PRINT** in Quiet Gray on standard paper with Distressed Indigo Stain frame, 8″ x 8″, Minted, minted.com.

$85US

5 Watercolor Abstract Flora Series Fall 1 **PRINT** on standard paper with Champagne Silver frame, 11″ x 11″, Minted, minted.com.

$120

6 Queen linen Linblomma **DUVET SET** in White, $100, IKEA, ikea.ca; Pre-reduced Indigo **DYE KIT,** $20, G&S Dye, gsdye.com.

$37

7 Ramie Vigdis **TOSS CUSHION COVER** in White, 20″, $10, duck-feather Fjädrar **INSERT,** $7, IKEA, ikea.ca; Pre-reduced Indigo **DYE KIT,** $20, G&S Dye, gsdye.com.

$65

8 Aluminum Egyptian **TRAY,** Snob, snobstuff.com.

$199

9 Hand-knit wool-blend Overlook **THROW,** 48″ x 76″, CB2, cb2.com.

$1,199

10 Hand-carved sheesham wood **COFFEE TABLE** with glass top, Wood Sense Interiors, woodsenseinteriors.com.

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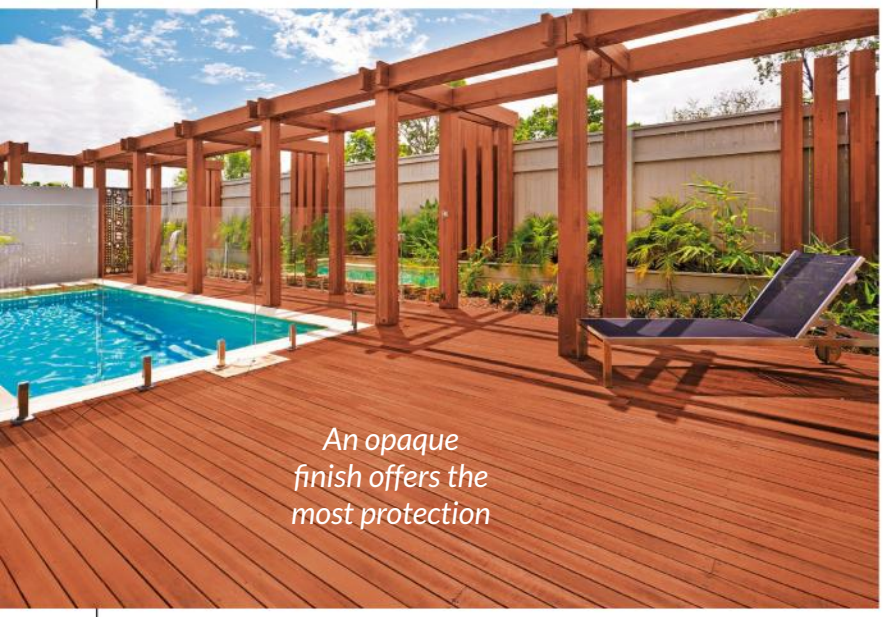

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a shibori story

Shibori toss cushions bring a taste of the Far East to our Moroccan-inspired room. A centuries-old Japanese technique, shibori involves bunching, twisting or folding fabric and then dyeing it to create a unique pattern. The tradition has become a trend, so this style of toss cushion is easy to find, whether you're after one that's handmade using the original technique or an inexpensive mass-produced alternative.

Hand-dyed Belgian linen Shibori in Cobalt Blue with feather blend insert, 20″, $229 US, Rebecca Atwood Designs, rebecca-atwood.com.

Cotton indigo Shibori with down alternative insert, 20″, $81, Tonic Living, tonicliving.com.

Magical Thinking polyfilled cotton Shibori Streak in Blue, 16″, $36, Urban Outfitters, urbanoutfitters.com.

Cotton Indigo Shibori (cover only), 20″, $40, Indigo, indigo.ca.

READ THE FINE PRINT

Even when they look indistinguishable, not all prints are created equal. For instance, our High and Low pieces are reproductions of identical images, but the pricier versions are museum calibre, printed on cotton rag using archival pigment and protected behind UV-resistant Plexiglas. While the budget-friendly options feature lignin-free art paper and deluxe ink, they can't match the rich, vibrant hues of the splurge versions and may fade slightly over the years.

Short ceramic basket weave **VASE** in Blue, $49, West Elm, westelm.com.

bookish bedside

Pile the titles on your current must-read list near your bed, so they're right at hand when the mood strikes. A large bowl placed on top becomes a pretty and practical catch-all.

palette picks

TO DYE FOR

The dreamy midnight blue of our High duvet set calls to mind the evening sky above Marrakesh. To get the look for less, we tinted an inexpensive white set using pre-reduced indigo dye. The method, though messy, is straightforward: Dilute the pigment and additives with warm water in a large container. Submerge the fabric (entirely or in folded sections, as we did with the toss cushion cover) for 15 to 30 minutes; wring and hang to dry. Repeat as desired for a deeper shade.

silver platter

Pamper yourself: Lay out a novel, some tea and a decadent snack (see page 32 for our Swirled Strawberry Meringue recipe) on a stylish tray.

Can you believe this rich indigo duvet set was once snow white?

I dream of boho

UNCONVENTIONAL BY DEFINITION, THE BOHO AESTHETIC DOESN'T FOLLOW A FORMULA, BUT HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU GET YOUR OWN VERSION OF THIS FREE-SPIRITED LOOK.

1. Trump trends. Eschew the norm in favour of unexpected combinations of unique elements. (Why not place an intricate wooden coffee table in the bedroom?)

2. Study the greats. Let the lifestyles of famous creative spirits inspire you to get in touch with your inner bohemian.

3. Play with colour and texture. Mix bold hues and bring in tactile materials, such as woolly knits and worn woods.

4. Introduce art. Dress your walls with gripping artwork – purchased or DIY – and distinctive items like a woven wall hanging.

5. Set the mood. Keep an arsenal of candles on hand and opt for light fixtures that give off a soft, dispersed glow.

6. Mix in meaning. Finish the space by tucking small mementoes here and there. That mini Eiffel Tower, for example, is reminiscent of a trip to Paris.

TEXT SARA CATION

PHOTOGRAPHY
MIGUEL VARANDA

STYLING
KATHARINA ALBRECHT &
MALIN HOLMUDD

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MAJORCA, SPAIN

LA ISLA bonita

How one jet-setter adapted her signature style when she moved from a big city to a small island off the coast of Spain.

"I spend a lot of time travelling the globe," says German stylist Katharina Albrecht, whose freelance work takes her to cities like Tokyo, Shanghai and Copenhagen. "After the hustle and bustle of a trip, I long for the tranquility of sprawling spaces, calming decor and quiet surroundings." That's precisely why, after living in large metropolises like London, Madrid and Paris, Katharina settled in sleepy Montuiri, a tiny village on the Spanish island of Majorca. Located in the centre of town, her 1,700-square-foot four-bedroom villa was purchased from an architect-artist, who used part of the space as a gallery and left almost everything – artwork, old book collections, furniture and more – in Katharina's very willing hands. Armed with antique furnishings, international inspiration and a stylist's expertise, Katharina created a chic sanctuary that pairs old Spanish architecture with eclectic design for a truly cosmopolitan look.

WITH FILES FROM KATHARINA ALBRECHT & MALIN HOLMUDD

"Interior design should suit your lifestyle and TELL A STORY. Your story. Your home is your canvas."

1. PARADISE ISLAND Though her patio is petite, homeowner Katharina Albrecht maximized the limited square footage by creating several different sitting and siesta areas unified by airy and angular white furniture. The neutral tones amplify the tropical feel of the space, allowing the plantings to take centre stage, especially when they're in full bloom.

2. ODD COUPLE French traditional meets mid-century Spain: The classic Louis XIV-style velvet settee (a gift from the home's previous owner) is paired with a vintage bistro table common to 1960s Majorcan coffee shops. The compelling juxtaposition of fancy flourishes and simple silhouettes asks the eye to linger here longer.

3. POINT, COUNTERPOINT The dining area, which is open to the kitchen, is where Katharina entertains most since her living room is located upstairs. A simple rug defines the space and warms up the original terrazzo floor, while the antique Spanish pantry door and armoire are the perfect patinated counterpoints to the stark white walls, contemporary drum pendant light and Eames-style chairs.

4. WARM WELCOME For Katharina, another happy coincidence of trading a big city for a small town was getting to know her neighbours. In Montuiri, it's common for villagers to fetch a stool and sit halfway out their front doorways, chit-chatting with whomever passes by. Katharina's villa, located next to a church, sees a lot of foot traffic – which is precisely why the heavy wooden doors to her house are always open.

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5. ROOM WITH A VIEW Katharina chose a four-poster bed that would accentuate the master bedroom's 13-foot-high ceiling and allow straight sightlines out the window, taking advantage of her serene surroundings. "From my bed, I look over the rooftops to the mountains and watch the sunset," she says.

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6. UNITED NATIONS The multicultural master bedroom boasts references to many countries. Under the original Spanish beams and a vintage bronze Italian Flos pendant light, a Danish flea market find desk sits beside a bed that looks plucked off the beaches of Bali. The space demonstrates how mixed influences amount to stunning style, right down to the picture of French actress Brigitte Bardot displayed in a frame found streetside in Madrid.

7. SIMPLE LIFE Sometimes the simplest strokes create a striking vignette. In the patio area, artwork by a local artist in a minimal black frame is all the curvy Thonet bench needs.

get the look

old-world eclectic

▲ Mid-Century **NIGHTSTAND** in Natural Oak, $419, West Elm, westelm.com.

▶ Globe **PENDANT LIGHT,** $379, CB2, cb2.com.

▶ Double-door slider panel 20th C. English **ARMOIRE** in Weathered Natural Oak, from $3,095 US, Restoration Hardware, rh.com.

▼ Round Belly **BASKETS,** $128 US per set of 2, Serena & Lily, serenaandlily.com.

▼ Queen Declan Canopy **BED FRAME,** $1,699 US, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

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Drapery panels and a lattice railing help enclose the covered porch and make it feel cozy. A candle chandelier, toss cushions and flowers add the finishing touches for entertaining.

TEXT
BETHANY LYTTLE

PHOTOGRAPHY
STACEY VAN BERKEL

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GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

sweet escape

A photographer uses her artistic vision to bring bold '50s flair to a charming Cape Cod-style cottage in need of some TLC.

The kitchen got an inexpensive update with peel-and-stick floor tiles and eye-catching cabinetry paint. "The colour looked a lot more yellow than I'd expected," says homeowner Stacey Van Berkel. "But it was so cheery that I decided to leave it."

When Nova Scotia native Stacey Van Berkel set out to buy a place in her adopted city of Greensboro, N.C., she knew exactly what she didn't want. "I didn't want a ranch house, and I didn't want new construction. Oh, and I didn't want to spend a lot of money," says the talented photographer. As soon as she stepped inside this tiny clapboard cottage, she knew it was the one. "It looked like it belonged on a beach in Nova Scotia."

Though it had plenty of charm, the 1,200-square-foot home needed an update. The wall colours were tired and the wooden floors were worn out. And then there was the layout: dark and divided. So Stacey decided to refinish the floors, remove a dining room wall to enlarge the space and install some crown moulding.

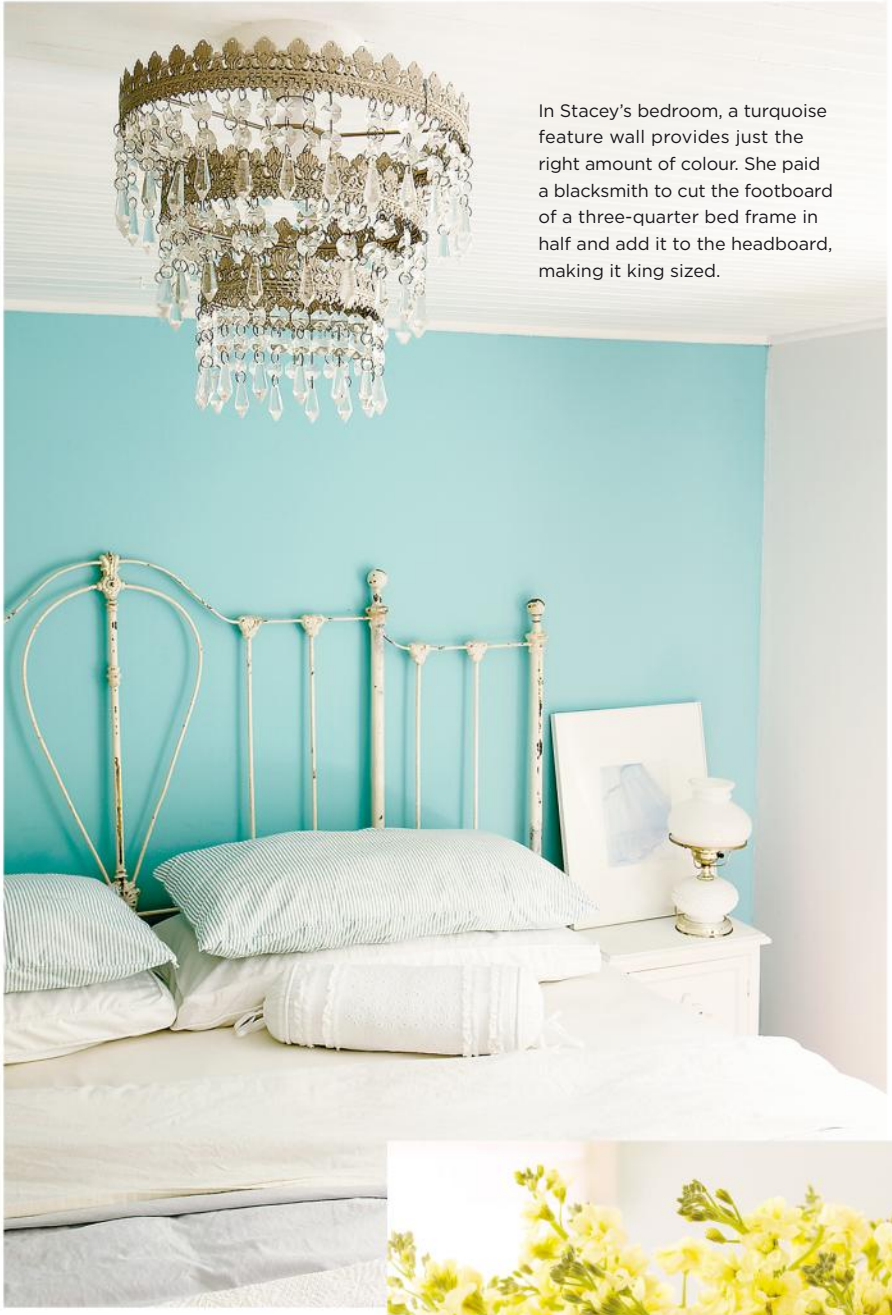
"When you're not a designer, YOU MAKE MISTAKES. But when they don't cost much, that's half the fun!"

A big part of the transformation occurred in the kitchen. "The cupboards were originally sponge-painted in a dull pink," says Stacey. "And the walls were decorated with that 1980s blue stencilling." Always mindful of her budget, Stacey freshened up the kitchen with peel-and-stick vinyl floor tiles she found at a dollar store and cheery neon yellow-green paint on the dated cabinets. From there, she settled on a scheme for the rest of the house, favouring cool, watery colours. "This place may not actually sit on the beach, but I like to imagine that it does," she says.

Furnishing the house came just as easily, thanks to Stacey's passion for warehouse and yard sales, flea markets and thrift stores. Not even 10 minutes after her parents arrived from Canada to help, Stacey and her mom took off to check out the local deals.

Her cottage is proof that trash-to-treasure transformations work: For example, the dining table was a curbside find. "I'm amazed at what people throw away," she says. "I love old things, and I think white paint makes anything look great."

Stacey has enjoyed every minute of the eight-year-long decorating process. "When you're not a designer, you make mistakes. But when they don't cost much, that's half the fun! Besides," she adds with a smile, "what better excuse to head to another yard sale and try again?"



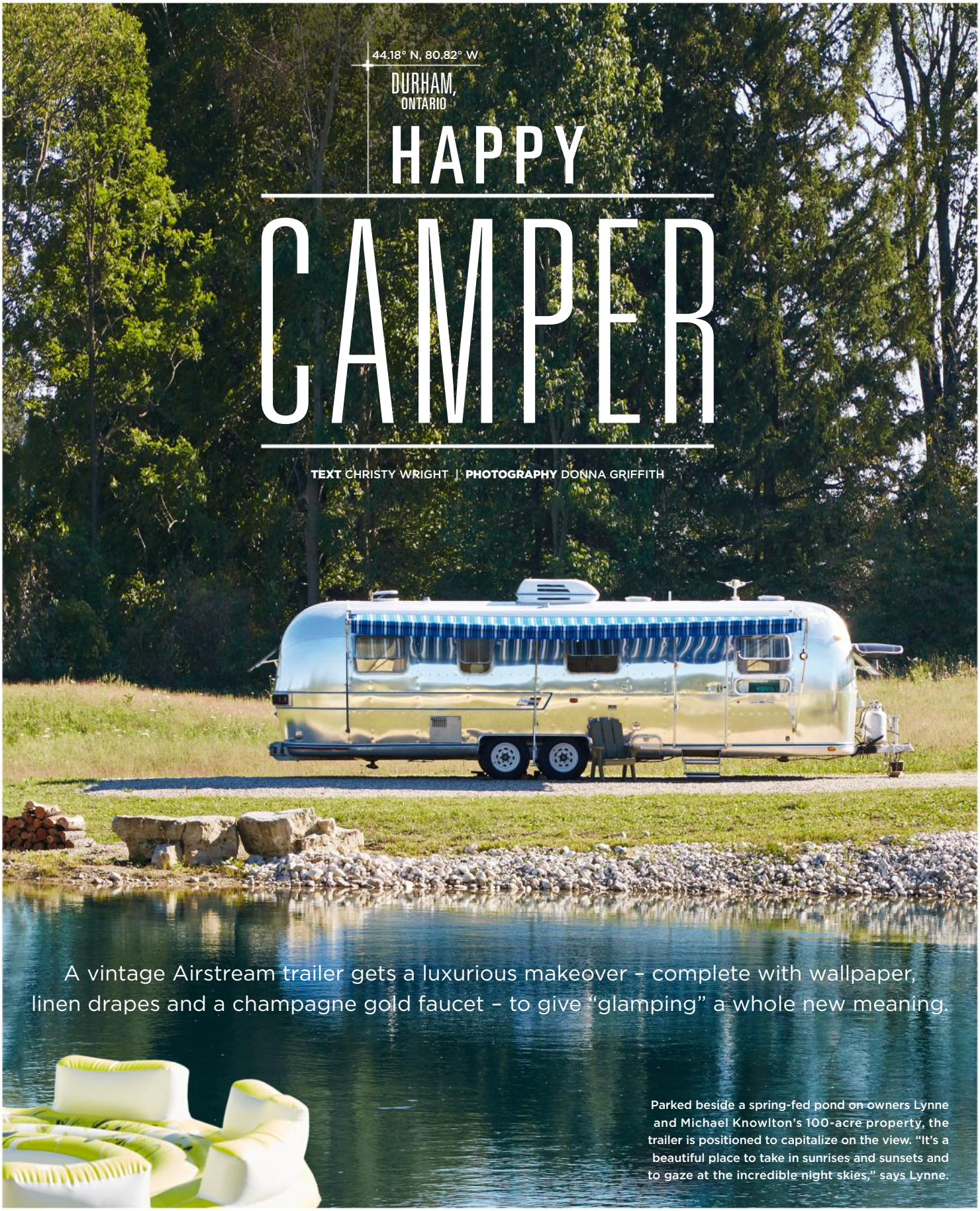
In Stacey's bedroom, a turquoise feature wall provides just the right amount of colour. She paid a blacksmith to cut the footboard of a three-quarter bed frame in half and add it to the headboard, making it king sized.

RIGHT A sweet, simple arrangement on the dining table reinforces the home's colour scheme.

OPPOSITE Stacey snapped up the show-stopping kitchen armoire for just $400 at a warehouse sale. In addition to being a conversation piece, it offers much-needed storage.

paint palette

Place bold brights and pretty pastels against a white envelope for a look that's fun and fresh.



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DURHAM, ONTARIO

HAPPY CAMPER

TEXT CHRISTY WRIGHT | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH

A vintage Airstream trailer gets a luxurious makeover – complete with wallpaper, linen drapes and a champagne gold faucet – to give "glamping" a whole new meaning.

Parked beside a spring-fed pond on owners Lynne and Michael Knowlton's 100-acre property, the trailer is positioned to capitalize on the view. "It's a beautiful place to take in sunrises and sunsets and to gaze at the incredible night skies," says Lynne.

LEFT "The original chenille upholstery is still in beautiful shape – how cool is that?" asks Lynne. The blue sofa, which opens into a double bed, is reflected on the range, making its white door appear a watery hue.

Simply White OC-117 **WALL & CEILING PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; custom **DRAPERY, TOSS CUSHIONS, THROW,** Tonic Living; **FLOORING,** EZ Lay Flooring; **PENDANT LIGHT,** IKEA; **NAPKINS** (on table), AllModern.com.

BELOW "I considered a queen bed, but the two twins with a nightstand in between them maintain the vintage feel," says Lynne. She accessorized the pale bedroom with cheery yellow toss cushions and a patterned rug. A rope of twinkling LED lights casts a warm glow at night.

BEDDING, AllModern.com; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Tonic Living.

"I've loved Airstream trailers for a long time," says blogger Lynne Knowlton of Design the Life You Want to Live. "A few years ago, my husband, Michael, and I toured the Airstream factory in Ohio, and it fueled our dreams of owning one." So last spring, when a friend spotted an Airstream for sale on a roadside not far from the couple's Durham, Ont., home, their vision became a reality – albeit a less than glamorous one. "The interior was original 1976 vintage," says Lynne. "The flooring was carpet and laminate tile and the kitchen cabinetry was an icky wood-look veneer." In her mind, she was already restyling the 240-square-foot space as a retreat she could park on their 100-acre property to rent out (through lynneknowlton.com and Airbnb) when she and Michael weren't enjoying it. "I wanted a bright and airy feel while still maintaining the trailer's retro vibe," says Lynne.

Lynne determined which of the original design features were keepers: the blue chenille sofas, panelling, gas range and layout of the bedroom. Everything else was cleared out to let the decor reboot begin. White paint and wood-look flooring made from partially recycled vinyl spruce up the compact quarters and provide a neutral backdrop for the sofas to pop against. New custom lower kitchen cabinets were coated in the same white as the walls and then gussied up with brass hardware. She carried the warm metallic through to the faucet, wallpaper and even the gas range. "It was trimmed in stainless steel, which I covered with gold using a permanent marker," says Lynne. A finishing touch of soft linen drapery makes the space unexpectedly luxurious and serene. And the serenity seems to be catching on. "Our guests love the comfort here. Most don't want to leave, but when they do, they're well rested." Happy campers indeed.

Turn to page 84 to see Lynne Knowlton's other unique rental.

ABOVE The compact kitchenette features the original four-burner gas range and an eat-in area with a built-in collapsible table. The dining chair, a yard sale find, brings a country element to the space, while artwork from a street market in Bali adds a whimsical accent.

Knots **WALLPAPER,** Hygge & West; custom **CABINETRY,** Richard Pratt; Simply White OC-117 **CABINETRY PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; **FAUCET, TOWEL BAR,** Delta Faucet; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Lee Valley; **FLOOR MAT, TEA TOWELS,** HomeSense; **CUTTING BOARD,** Miller & Co. Wood Studio.

Cole & Son Banbury Stone Trellis **WALLPAPER** in 3012, $226 per double roll, through designers, Lee Jofa, leejofa.com.

▶ Linen Niels **WING-BACK CHAIR** in Regal Blue, $979, West Elm, westelm.com.

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retro retreat

▲ Smeg 2-slice **TOASTER** in Cream, $230, Hudson's Bay, thebay.com.

▶ *Anne of Green Gables* **BOOK** by L.M. Montgomery with cover illustration by Anna Bond, $18, Indigo, indigo.ca.

◀ Zia Birch **TOSS CUSHION COVER** in Soft Butter, $34, Tonic Living, tonicliving.com.

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BREATH OF *fresh air*

When Janice and Colin Dreyer purchased their new condo, they knew exactly who to turn to for decorating help: their designer daughter Karla. In the living area, she decided to incorporate gold touches and coral accents for a decidedly youthful feel. "My parents are pretty stylish, so the decor represents them well," says Karla, who believes design shouldn't subscribe to ageism.

DESIGN, Karla Dreyer Design, karladreyerdesign.com; **SOFA,** EQ3; **COFFEE TABLE,** marble-topped **SIDE TABLE, POUFFE,** coral **TOSS CUSHIONS, THROW,** The Cross Decor & Design; **RUG,** Restoration Hardware; **FLOOR LAMP,** CB2; grey **TOSS CUSHIONS,** 18Karat.

TEXT IRIS BENAROIA
PHOTOGRAPHY JANIS NICOLAY

These downsizers traded their house in the sticks for the prettiest pared-down condo in the city – and they don't miss their old digs one bit.

With their enviable nooks and crannies, most suburban houses can handle the extras. You know, the useless bits that gobble up space: the family china passed down through the ages or a dusty treadmill dying a slow death. Shove them into a corner and no one is the wiser.

But in a condo, space is a coveted commodity. Every item must count and every design decision must be carefully executed, as it is in Janice and Colin Dreyer's 1,600-square-foot abode. Located on the fourth floor of a new-build boutique high-rise in Vancouver, the unit is vastly different from their previous home, which was nearly double the size.

The couple, a pair of empty nesters in their 60s, knows about "stuff" first-hand. For 30 years, they lived on the outskirts of the city – first in Cloverdale, where they raised three children, and then in their last house in South Surrey for 10 years – slowly accumulating a lifetime of belongings. And it's been a relief to finally purge. "I got rid of almost all of it," says Janice, who confidently announces: "Honestly, I don't miss a thing."

LEFT Janice loves birds, so Karla went with an avian theme, expressed here in one area of the condo via the wallpaper featuring hummingbirds in flight, the brass sculptures on the chest and the witty painting by local talent Zoë Pawlak.

Hummingbirds **WALLPAPER,** The Red Palette; **CHEST,** HomeSense; *Far, Far* **ARTWORK,** Zoë Pawlak; white **BOWL** (on chest), Janaki Larsen Ceramics; large white **POT** (with tree), 18Karat.

ABOVE "I'm used to having lots of wall space, so dealing with all the windows was tricky," says Karla. But this spot was perfect for the dining area, allowing the couple to take in the sights over a meal. The Tulip-style table paired with mismatched chairs is fun.

DINING TABLE, white **DINING CHAIRS, RUG,** Karla Dreyer Design; black-framed **DINING CHAIRS,** Restoration Hardware; black **CANDLESTICKS,** Provide.

Accommodating the 63-inch TV (a must for Dad) meant Karla had to get crafty because it dominated the room. "It's a monster," she says with a laugh. "The living area only has one wall, so I had to place the television there. I camouflaged its looming presence with some pretty wallpaper, which I think worked out well."

CHAIR, sheepskin **THROW,** The Cross Decor & Design.

The couple didn't have to search far to find the right person to decorate the condo. Their daughter is designer Karla Dreyer, who heads up an eponymous firm in Vancouver. In addition to providing interior services, Karla offers beautifying help virtually with her e-decor program. But for her parents' home, she worked in the flesh, fast and furiously passionate, over a three-month period. "They really wanted it done quickly because they were excited to start their third act in life," says Karla.

The bones of the space served as inspiration. "The windows – there are a ton of them – and the white-tiled floors really lent themselves to decorating in a light, airy way," says Karla. The springtime palette of pretty pastels makes the condo sparkle with youthful freshness. "Pastels can come off as juvenile, so the trick is to incorporate them in a sophisticated fashion," says the designer, who tempered them with glam gold accents and a bright white shell. "I love how the soft colours evoke a joyful vibe."

Clearly they have also influenced the occupants, who are adjusting brilliantly to city life. Says Janice, "Living with less is great." Should a bout of nostalgia hit, however, she can always visit a selection of precious pieces she salvaged from the suburbs. "I did take out a storage unit for small items I was unsure about," says Janice. None of them have made it back into the condo.

LEFT Layered in champagne hues and captivating textures, such as the faux-fur throw and the cushy velvet headboard, the master bedroom is inviting and luxurious.

BED FRAME, Karla Dreyer Design; **NIGHTSTAND, DUVET SET,** West Elm; **POUFFE, TABLE LAMP,** feather **HEADDRESS,** The Cross Decor & Design; sheepskin **RUG, TOSS CUSHION,** HomeSense; **THROW,** Restoration Hardware.

ABOVE The home office, situated in the solarium just off the master bedroom, is simple yet perfectly functional.

DESK, West Elm; **CHAIR,** Restoration Hardware; *Other People's Flowers* **ARTWORK,** Zoë Pawlak.

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RELIABLE NARRATOR

Starring a diverse cast, tension and drama, this pared-back open-concept condo is anything but prosaic.

TEXT
MARY LEVITSKI

PHOTOGRAPHY
STACEY BRANDFORD

The living area plays host to all walks of (decor) life, amounting to a timeless look. Though disparate, all the pieces abide by one rule: Nothing distracts from the million-dollar view of downtown Toronto.

DESIGN, Toronto Interior Design Group, tidg.ca; Distant Gray 2124-70 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; custom **SECTIONAL,** Toronto Interior Design Group; vintage **COFFEE TABLE,** Absolutely; **ARTWORK,** Robert Kamnatnik.

"Don't fight what the space is offering you," says designer Yanic Simard, who selected floating furniture arrangements for the living and dining areas in order to respect the walls of windows behind them.

DINING TABLE, Pink & Brown; custom **DINING CHAIRS,** Toronto Interior Design Group.

A great designer is a matchmaker, a trendsetter and, above all else, a storyteller. With the decor of this new-build condo's main living area, Yanic Simard, founder and lead designer of Toronto Interior Design Group, proves he is among the greats.

The scene in this 540-square-foot open-concept space was already set. Floor-to-ceiling windows spanning two entire sides of the condo flood it with sunshine and overlook the tree-lined streets of Toronto's posh Yorkville neighbourhood and the city's downtown skyline beyond. With such a lively setting, a restrained decorating approach was best, so neutral finishes were chosen in the form of sophisticated greyish-white wall paint, warm-toned wide-plank hardwood floors and cream-coloured kitchen cabinetry.

With a relatively blank slate established, the cooking/dining/living space was ready for some personality, so Yanic set about casting his characters, starting with the hero: "That custom blue sectional is *the* piece," he says, adding that he

ABOVE Yanic (pictured below) punctuated the space with a small selection of thoughtful accessories, such as the blue glassware, which reinforces the colour theme introduced by the sectional.

RIGHT Like a pair of Old Hollywood starlets, the brass-framed crystal chandeliers in the dining and living areas are all sparkle, glitz and glam, yet these dames' diminutive proportions and simple geometric shape keep them from stealing the show.

CHANDELIERS, Circa Lighting.

FAR RIGHT Visible behind the vintage wood-panelled herringbone-upholstered armchair, sheer drapery, used throughout the space, almost blends into the walls. The white fabric's grey wavy pattern is interesting up close but unassuming from afar.

DRAPERY FABRIC, Deco DP Prestige; **DRAPERY SEWING,** Drapica; potted **TREE,** Sheridan Nurseries; **CANDLESTICKS,** Elte.

had fabric samples sent from as far away as Europe and South America to find that "delicious" velvet. To fill the supporting roles, he animated the room with a small yet eclectic group, including a retro brass and glass coffee table, an Art Deco-inspired mirror, Mid-Century Modern-style dining furniture and traditional-meets-modern clear plastic kitchen stools.

The vastly varied furnishings lend the space quiet tension, but it's their shared low-slung silhouettes that create drama. "We wanted to make the ceiling – already impressive at 10 feet – appear even higher," says Yanic, citing European apartments as inspiration. Dramatic, too, are the light fixtures. In the kitchen, a futuristic long-armed Serge Mouille-influenced piece is the antithesis of the classic Shaker-style cabinetry, but the fixture's white finish humbles it. Meanwhile, the matching pendants over the living and dining areas hark back to the opulence of the Hollywood Regency period, but their size is modest and their shape simple.

After all, much like the best narratives, the chicest rooms show off a skillful interplay of striking and soothing moments, so it's no wonder this fanciful yet pared-back space earned a five-star review from the homeowners.

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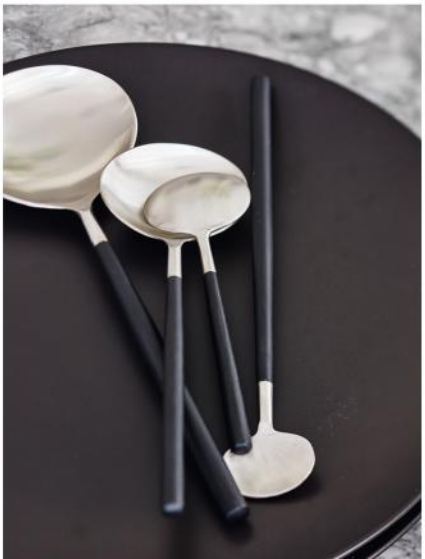
FAR RIGHT The Art Deco-style mirror takes advantage of the 10-foot-high ceiling. Beneath it, the super-long glossy black sideboard connects the dining area to the living zone and houses everything from napkins to DVDs.

Custom **SIDEBOARD,** Toronto Interior Design Group; cream **BOXES,** Elte.

OPPOSITE The bold veined grey marble countertops and backsplash energize the traditional cream-toned kitchen cabinetry. The classic finishes get a dose of modernity from the contemporary light fixture and clear plastic stools.

APPLIANCES, Miele; **STOOLS,** Elite Living; **LIGHT FIXTURE,** Pink & Brown.



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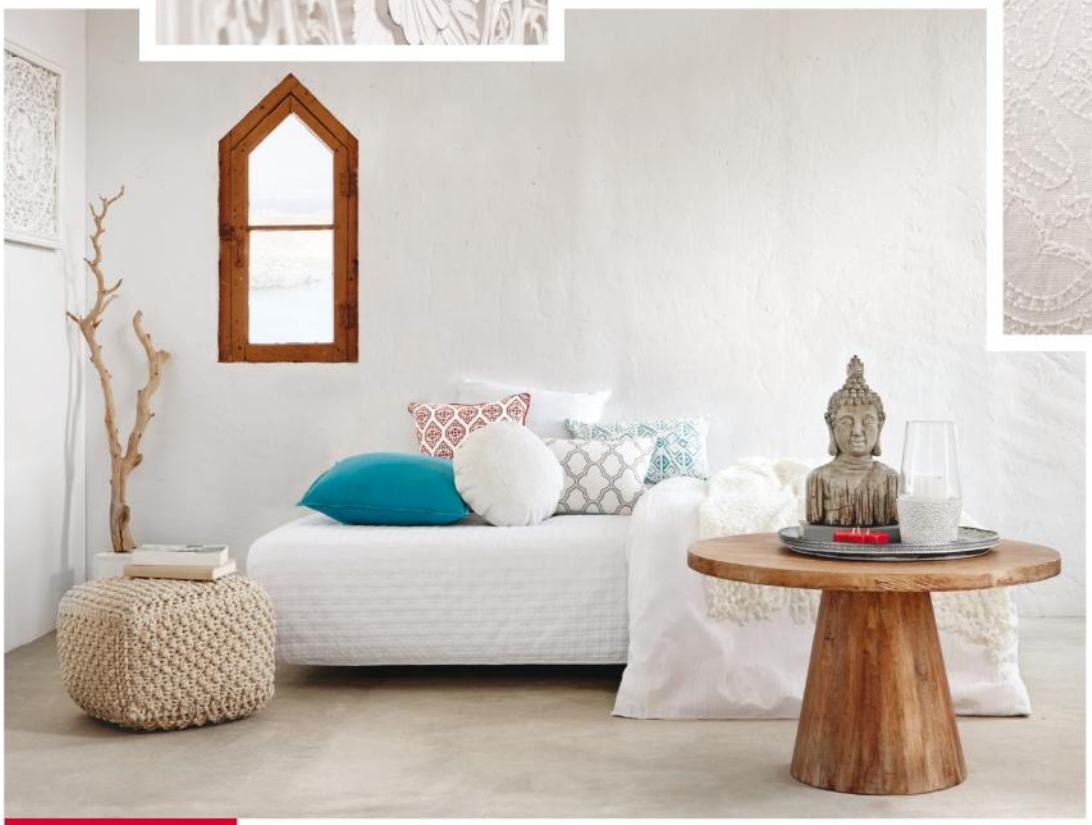

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DESTINATION STYLE

Get ready to meet your new favourite decorating ideas: We're hitting the road this month, picking up international style influences from California to Tuscany and all points in between. So consider this issue your staycation must-read and prepare to be inspired.

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TUSCANY, ITALY

UNDER THE *tuscan sun*

Decorating guru Debbie Travis takes on the renovation challenge of a lifetime to create the perfect vacation property for hosting ladies' getaways.

TEXT SARA CATION | **PHOTOGRAPHY** GEORGE ROSS

This ancient-guard-tower-cum-women's-retreat sits on 100 acres of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the Val d'Orcia in Tuscany, Italy. On it, you'll find a lavender field, a veggie garden, an olive orchard, a vineyard, multiple dining areas, an infinity pool, a bocce court, a yoga area, a firepit and 200-year-old pomegranate trees that yield enough juice to freeze for winter.

OPPOSITE "We pick lemons here every morning," says homeowner Debbie Travis of the potted trees on this terrace, which is outfitted with modern citrus-green-accented chairs to match.

DINING CHAIRS, Fermob.

LEFT From searching sprawling avant-garde design shows to trawling Europe's biggest antiques markets, shopping for materials was a highlight for Debbie (pictured). "I'd drive to spots in France, Italy and England and load up my truck," she says. One of her favourite sites is L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue in France, where an entire town transforms into an antiques market twice annually. "I drove 11 hours to get there," says Debbie. "When I saw it, it took my breath away."

BELOW Debbie found these cool director's chairs at an antiques market. She echoed their simple sacking fabric on the headboard and toss cushions in one of the guest rooms (shown, page 75).

Converting an ancient Tuscan farm

on a UNESCO World Heritage Site into a dream home with modern amenities comes with its challenges (piles of permits, a litany of limitations and language barriers to boot), even for an icon who's built her celebrity around tackling tough renos.

When homeowner and decorating guru Debbie Travis bought the rundown 100-acre Italian property, she was beginning a new chapter in her life. She was ready to devote her time, energy and just about every waking thought to transforming the 13th-century-watchtower-turned-farm into a luxury vacation retreat for women of all ages. Accommodating up to 24 guests, Debbie Travis's Tuscan Girls' Getaway is a place for visitors to connect and escape the everyday. "It's been a labour of love," says Debbie of the project that's consumed her for five years. "Every square inch of this space has a story – often a painful one."

It took one year of chasing permits followed by four years of construction – involving up to 85 tradespeople a day – to overhaul the old farm, which had fallen into wrack and ruin over the centuries. Says Debbie: "My friends couldn't see my vision through all the rubble." Most buildings on the property were removed and reconstructed as guest houses according to the strict local guidelines (namely, on existing footprints and honouring the original aesthetics, right down to rooflines and window sizes). The central villa, however, was left intact... which isn't to say that it wasn't transformed.

The semi-industrial kitchen, where cooking classes take place, boasts two dishwashers and a range customized with eight elements, a grill and a pasta cooker. In addition to the oversized appliance, Debbie insisted on a 16.5-foot-long island countertop, despite being warned it would look ridiculous. But when it arrived, she hated it. So, amid curses from her kitchen designer, Debbie had it replaced with a 13-foot-long one. It took 20 people to carry in the second slab of volcanic rock, which, at the last minute, was dropped and smashed. As they say, third time's the charm.

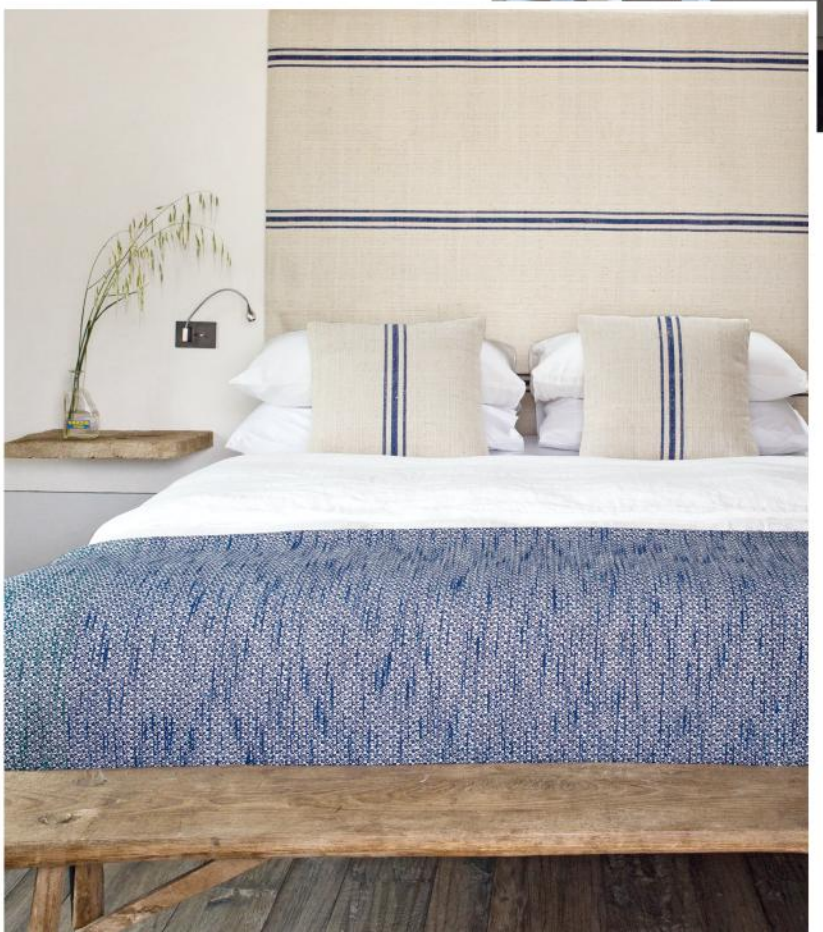
Custom **RANGE**, De Manincor.

The three-storey building was completely gutted, save for the eight soaring arches, which were simply power-washed. ("The contractors were shocked I didn't want to fill in the cracks," says Debbie. "But I was like, 'No way! I love those cracks!'") Walls were cleaned up with pristine white plaster, while the ceilings were accentuated with beams from a local architectural salvage site and the worn main-level flooring replaced with white stone slabs from a Sicilian piazza. "The original floors were so pitted from animals that you couldn't steady a table on them," says Debbie.

Animals? "On poor farms of the past, livestock often had more worth than the people," she explains, noting that this structure was once a stable. "So they were protected indoors, and the humans lived above them, relying on the animals' body heat to keep themselves warm through winter." To prevent the animals from coming up, the villa's stairs were located outside, so Debbie had to have indoor ones built. Made of hot-rolled steel, the modern backlit staircase highlights the stone wall behind it.

LEFT Debbie considered absolutely everything, right down to the smallest details, from choosing the tiny air vent grates to opting for stone window lintels instead of wooden ones. "Even deciding on the thickness of the terracotta tiles for the windowsills – I nearly died," she says with a laugh. Hits of pink brighten the vintage chair and bistro table. "I never touch a natural patina," says Debbie of their distressed finishes. "Nobody can recreate that, not even me."

THROW, Designers Guild.



LEFT, TOP For the dramatic stairs, Debbie used the same hot-rolled steel as she did on the kitchen floor of her former home in Montreal. "It stays cool in the heat and has a lovely grey tone," she says. Set two inches from the wall and lined with strip lighting, the contemporary staircase seems to hover by the original stone wall to stunning effect.

LEFT The guest rooms are wrapped in a serene white and grey envelope, but each features a bold accent hue carried from the headboard to the bedding (here, it's denim blue).

ABOVE In one petite bathroom, a pair of ruffled sinks by Italian designer Paola Navone is set in a floating slab of live-edge olive wood. Each guest room and ensuite is totally different ("Visitors always have fun checking each other's out," says Debbie), but all the mirrors are the same: They look normal but have built-in defoggers and lights that, when turned on, create the perfect setting to apply makeup ("They're so great, guests have even arranged to have them delivered to their own homes after visiting," she says).

ABOVE In Debbie's master bathroom, a sleek tub and faucet are paired with antique wood details and old-world-look cement tiles. "When each is used with restraint, old looks spectacular juxtaposed with new," she says.

FLOOR TILES, Mutina.

RIGHT & OPPOSITE Partial walls divide guest rooms from their ensuite bathrooms, lending the illusion of more space and allowing full views of the stunning ceilings. "They're like art," says Debbie. After visiting a ton of lighting shows, she worked with an expert to design her own modern, minimal touch lights, which are adhered to the bedroom walls as reading lamps.

HEADBOARD FABRIC, Designers Guild.

Lighting presented another unique predicament for Debbie: Without any drywall to hide the wiring, pot lights were out of the question and other options were limited. After visiting trade show upon trade show, Debbie found minimal, modern strip lights for the main living areas that tuck behind the beams and let the architecture shine.

The juxtaposition of old and new is a theme carried through the whole property, from the simple contemporary furnishings indoors and out to the bright and near-neon accents that bring freshness to the antique setting. But only a splash of colour was needed: "I wanted the natural elements of stone and metal to shine, and it's so vibrant outside year-round, thanks to the Tuscan blue sky and verdant surroundings," says Debbie.

Indeed, the site's 900 olive trees (some of which are 800 years old) stay green all year long, and from them, Debbie extracts high-quality olive oil that's sold online. She's still perfecting the wine that comes from the grapes in her vineyards, and she uses her lavender harvest to produce body and essential oils. "It started as a hobby farm but has since become quite a passion," she says. But this farm – and Debbie's new chapter – is really about creating a retreat in which like-minded women from all over the world can recharge. And in such a storied home, in this perfectly pastoral setting, under the hot Tuscan sun, guests invariably find themselves beginning their own new chapters.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

writer's BLOCK

Out of a cavernous room with white walls and a white-tiled floor, designer Orlando Soria created three intimate and cozy spaces – a family area, living area and dining area – and unified them using low Mid-Century Modern-style furnishings, the exact same sisal rug and complementary teal, beige and ivory accent colours.

DESIGN, Homepolish, homepolish.com; Monstera series **ARTWORK,** Erika Lawrence Gragg; **RUGS** (throughout), RugsUSA.com.

Celebrated designer Orlando Soria creates a carefree and quirky Palm Springs-style oasis in the canyons for a famous Canadian writer living in L.A.

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LEFT "Sometimes she has this classic old-school thing going on – like when she wears those retro-look glasses," says Orlando of homeowner Kelly Oxford (both pictured). "But then she also has this really edgy, funny attitude that's made her famous."

BELOW Long and narrow, the kitchen's eat-in area demanded an oval-shaped dining table rather than a round one. Orlando also made the bench himself – with the help of Kelly's young son, Henry – by drilling industrial hairpin legs into a slab of stained wood and tossing a sheepskin on top. "Every other bench we saw was either too deep or too expensive," says Orlando.

DINING CHAIRS, Modernica.

ABOVE When Kelly and Orlando saw an orange pouffe at a flea market, they thought the $150 US price tag was steep, considering they'd have to have it re-covered, so they passed on the purchase. "But when we walked by the pouffe later in the day, some girls were admiring it, and we said to each other, 'If they buy it, we're going to die!' It's funny how you realize you want something as soon as someone else wants it, too," says Orlando with a laugh. The now-teal pouffe is perfect for the living area. "And we still talk about the time some girls tried to steal it from us."

FLOOR LAMP, West Elm; cubic **SCULPTURE,** Ben Medansky.

Few friendships are built solely on decor, but for Orlando Soria and Kelly Oxford, it was certainly the foundation. Having met when he redesigned her Los Angeles office, they seem like a match made in heaven: Orlando, creative director of the design firm Homepolish, is one of the decor world's funniest Instagrammers, and Kelly became famous for her hilarious and unapologetically sarcastic tweets. Needless to say, the office transformation was marked by not only shared tastes, but also cheeky texts and rapid-fire repartee. So when the Edmonton-born, L.A.-based writer of the bestselling memoir *Everything Is Perfect When You're a Liar* – who's also authored television pilots and movie scripts and appeared in film and on TV with the likes of James Franco and Nicole Richie – moved into a new home with her husband and their three kids, Orlando was the obvious choice to head up its design. "We had such a good time doing Kelly's office, it was only natural that I do her house as well," he says.

And Kelly's an easy client. "Half of our texts were about furniture; half were attempts to make each other laugh," says Orlando, who would send Kelly photos of crazy finds to which she never once replied "Why the heck are you

FAR RIGHT A massive sectional was a must for the casual family area, where Kelly, her husband and their three kids, pair of cats and two dogs spend tons of time. This bold blue one (which is 10 feet long on both sides) fit the bill for the family to curl up by the fire or watch TV.

Tree root **COFFEE TABLE,** AllModern.com.

BELOW "I like to use a variety of materials in any given space," says Orlando of his approach to decorating. In the dining area, woven chairs ("there's something very 'resort' about them") are paired with a wooden table, sheer drapery and a view of the backyard pool. "There are a lot of different elements to enjoy."

showing me that!?" At times, Kelly even joined Orlando on his flea market furniture hunts. "She's way better at bargaining than me," he admits.

Only the main living area needed Orlando's deft touch, but it presented a challenge for the designer: How would he make the grand all-white room, which gets lots of light from a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows, feel elegant and cozy? Dividing the space into three "rooms" (a dining area, living area and family area) unified by a cohesive colour palette and matching rugs was a clever start. Establishing a cool mid-century Palm Springs vibe – which embraces bright light, bright white and bright accent colours – perfected the look, as did the eclectic elements synonymous with Kelly's style.

"Kelly loves clean lines and contemporary accessories, but there's a special place in her heart for vintage kitsch – items that have a bit of humour to them," says the designer. To that point, there are plenty of cheeky moments throughout the house. Those plastic horses trotting along the bar shelves? "We saw them at a flea market and thought they looked stupid but cool at the same time," he says. That dining room gallery wall? Kelly and Orlando painted bikinis on the nudes to poke fun at ultra modesty. And the French poster for Hitchcock's *The Birds* in the kitchen's eat-in area? A wink at Kelly's Canadian heritage. "I guess you guys like things that are French because, um, you know more French than we do?" jokes Orlando.

Leave it to a friend to understand the nuances of one's stylish eclecticism – and the quirky chicness of Kelly. As she says in her memoir, "I like the idea that we can contain our weirdess, but I prefer it when we wear it all over ourselves." Clearly that holds true for her home, too.

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THIS PAGE & OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT "Built-in bars are so Mid-Century Modern," says Orlando. This one, which is original to the house, is located across from the dining area. "Back in the 1950s and '60s, people thought having a bar was super glam, which is cute and kind of hilarious." But there's no denying that this drinks station is perfect for parties. Its dark surface lends some contrast to the space, while the architectural stools add a dose of fresh, edgy flavour.

STOOLS, Blu Dot; Hugh Grant **ARTWORK,** Milana Braslavsky.

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Homeowner Lynne Knowlton says the porch's hammock chair is one of the tree house's most popular spots. "It's a nice place to simply enjoy the surroundings all day long," she says.

CONTRACTING, Chris Wilkes; **HANGING CHAIR,** AllModern.com; striped **TOSS CUSHION,** Tonic Living.

In the kitchenette, details like the live-edge countertops and row of untreated wood cabinets reinforce the treetop setting in an authentic yet decorative way. To maximize storage, the island features open shelves on one side for keeping small appliances within easy reach.

Custom **CABINETRY,** Richard Pratt; Ironstone **CABINETRY PAINT,** Miss Mustard Seed's Milk Paint; **SCONCES,** IKEA; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Lee Valley.

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DURHAM, ONTARIO

paradise FOUND

Blogger Lynne Knowlton envisions a grown-up tree house made of reclaimed barnboard.

With the possible exception of having popcorn for dinner, Lynne Knowlton's favourite thing is a tree house. "It reminds me of being a kid and having a secret hideout that's all my own," she says. That nostalgia, combined with falling for a fully furnished tree house a friend had built, inspired Lynne and her husband, Michael, who live in Durham, Ont. "We wanted to create a private paradise on our 100-acre property – a place for us to relax with our kids (Shelby, 25, Tristan, 23, Mackenzie, 18, and Brett, 17) and also rent to guests [through lynneknowlton.com and Airbnb]," says Lynne. That paradise may have remained on their wish list indefinitely if not for a force of nature. "A tornado passed through our town in 2009, and we bought the entire salvage of a barn damaged in the storm. That was the impetus for us to start building."

OPPOSITE The living area reflects Lynne's design brief of natural wood paired with white accents. The daybed can sleep two additional guests. Accessories – finds from garage sales and antiques stores – placed directly on the exposed framing give the space a finished feel while maintaining the rustic look.

DAYBED, IKEA; **RUNNER,** HomeSense; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Tonic Living; **BLANKET,** AllModern.com.

ABOVE The hammock offers shady respite on hot summer days.

ABOVE, MIDDLE An avid traveller, Lynne has spent a lot of time in Bali, where she found the banister that borders one side of the bedroom loft. "It's intricately handmade and was originally used as a gate on a Balinese fence," she says.

Custom floor-length **DRAPERY,** Tonic Living.

ABOVE, RIGHT Lynne spends time at the kitchenette's bar area, which is accessible from inside and out. The countertop is made from reclaimed lumber, and it's a fun spot to serve drinks and savour the scenery.

RIGHT Pendant lights, distressed furniture and breezy drapery transform the covered space beneath the tree house into an outdoor dining area. "It's a great place to eat dinner," says Lynne, noting that she bought the reclaimed wood table and chairs in Bali. "We also love to play board games here."

DRAPERY FABRIC, IKEA; **PENDANT LIGHTS,** Pier 1 Imports.

The couple designated a small forest 160 feet from their home as the ideal site. "It's close to our pool, which guests are welcome to use, yet partially hidden in the trees so it's still private," says Lynne. To create the retreat, they enlisted their tree house-building friend, Chris Wilkes. He began the year-long project in 2010 and, using the reclaimed barnboards, constructed a whimsical 200-square-foot structure set 10 feet above the ground. Its tiny interior includes a living area and kitchenette as well as a ladder-accessed bedroom loft. There's also a separate 100-square-foot bathroom cabin or, as Lynne likes to call it, "the la*tree*n." It was built in 2014 and features full amenities, including a water closet and walk-in shower.

The warmth and patina of the salvaged materials in both spaces steered the decor direction. "We decided to keep the natural beauty of the barnboard as the focal point and to accent it with white," says Lynne. "It feels cozy, comfortable and clean. Most guests admire all the decorative details."

The thoughtful design extends beyond the interior. "We decorated the area under the tree house as an outdoor dining spot. There's a hammock and a swing nearby, as well as a hanging chair and comfy seats on the deck for taking in the view," she says. Wherever guests choose to sit, it is the perfect place to nosh homemade popcorn. "We send an e-book to guests before they arrive. It details directions, what to bring and what's provided (which includes a popcorn maker). Everyone gets excited and brings their own popcorn fixings!" It's all about life's simple pleasures at this rustic retreat among the treetops.

"We decided to keep the *natural beauty* of the barnboard as the focal point and to accent it with white."

LEFT, TOP RIGHT A side view of the tree house reveals a splash of red, visible on the right. "It's an adult-sized slide attached to the upper deck," says Lynne. "Tree houses are all about fun, and what's more fun than a slide?"

LEFT, MIDDLE In the bathroom cabin, the rustic wood scheme gets a contemporary complement from a metal walk-in shower. "The metal is simply roofing panels," says Lynne.

ROOFING PANELS (used on shower walls), The Home Depot.

LEFT Echoing the tree house's kitchenette, the bathroom cabin features a live-edge countertop. "The detail on this piece is remarkable," says Lynne. The stone sink is another find from Bali.

Custom **VANITY,** One One Eleven Designs; custom **DRAPERY,** Tonic Living; **RUG,** IKEA; **FAUCET,** Brizo; **BUCKET,** HomeSense.

Positioned beneath one of the bedroom loft's windows, the bed sits on a cozy rug – a departure from the exposed barnboard floors downstairs. "Keeping cool summer mornings and evenings in mind, we thought guests would be more comfortable with a rug on the floor," says Lynne. "I love how it warms up the space and the tootsies!"

DUVET SET, SHEET SET, AllModern.com; **RUG,** The Home Depot; **SCONCE,** IKEA; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Tonic Living.

SUMMER SQUASH & PROSCIUTTO FLATBREAD

PREP & COOK TIME **30 MINUTES** | SERVES **8 TO 10**

650 g store-bought pizza dough
3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
½ tsp Italian herb seasoning
1 green zucchini, thinly sliced
1 summer squash (yellow zucchini), thinly sliced
Pinch each: salt and freshly ground black pepper
50 g prosciutto, torn into bite-sized pieces
125 g fresh buffalo mozzarella, torn into bite-sized pieces
2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

Divide the dough in half. Roll or stretch out the dough on a lightly floured surface to make two 12" x 7" ovals. Transfer the dough to two greased rimless baking sheets. Brush each with 2 teaspoons of the olive oil; sprinkle with the Italian herb seasoning.

Preheat the oven to 500°F. In a bowl, toss the zucchini and summer squash with the salt, pepper and 2 teaspoons of the remaining olive oil. Arrange the vegetables and prosciutto loosely on top of the dough, all the way to the edge. Bake until the flatbread is golden on the bottom, about 15 minutes. Let stand for 1 minute; top with the mozzarella and chives. Drizzle with the remaining olive oil; serve.

SUMMER SQUASH & PROSCIUTTO FLATBREAD

AN ALFRESCO AFFAIR

It's a well-known fact that no one does the alfresco *dolce vita* like the Italians do. We're embracing that cultural flair this issue with quick simple recipes for a fresh no-fuss meal that's made for lazy summer evenings on the patio with a glass (or two!) of vino.

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HEIRLOOM TOMATO PANZANELLA

PREP & COOK TIME **20 MINUTES** | SERVES **8 TO 10**

- ½ loaf rosemary focaccia
- 2 tsp + 6 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 4 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp liquid honey
- ¼ tsp each: salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 heirloom tomatoes, cored and cut into wedges
- 5 cups lightly packed arugula
- ⅓ cup thinly sliced red onion

Brush the focaccia with 2 teaspoons of the olive oil. Place on a greased grill over medium-high heat and toast, turning occasionally, until the focaccia is crisp and golden, about 5 minutes. Allow to cool; cut into 1" cubes. (The croutons can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 days.)

While the focaccia is grilling, whisk together the remaining olive oil, the vinegar, mustard, honey, salt and pepper in a large bowl. (The dressing can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 5 days.)

Toss together the dressing, croutons, tomatoes, arugula and red onion in a large salad bowl; serve.

HEIRLOOM TOMATO PANZANELLA

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STEAK FLORENTINE CROSTINI

PREP & COOK TIME **30 MINUTES** | SERVES **8 TO 10**

- 1 demi baguette
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ½ small beet, peeled and julienned
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ tsp each: salt and freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 2 strip loin steaks (about ½ lb each)
- 1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup prepared pesto
- 1 cup watercress leaves
- Lemon wedges

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Slice the baguette diagonally into ¼"-thick slices and brush with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Place the bread slices on a rimmed baking sheet and toast, turning once, until just golden, about 10 minutes. Let cool.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss together the beets, 1 teaspoon of the olive oil, the lemon juice and a pinch of the salt and pepper. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Brush the steaks with the remaining olive oil; sprinkle with the rosemary and let stand for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with the remaining salt and pepper. Place the steaks on a greased grill over medium-high heat and cook, uncovered, turning occasionally, until an instant-read thermometer reads 130°F, about 8 minutes. Remove to a rack and let rest, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until the thermometer reads 135°F. Thinly slice the steaks across the grain.

While the steaks are resting, stir together the mayonnaise and pesto in a small bowl.

To assemble the crostini, spoon about ½ teaspoon of the pesto mayonnaise on each bread slice; top with some sliced steak, beets and watercress. Squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon juice over the crostini and serve.

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